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REPLY TO ACTION OF AUGUST 9, 2004

Claims 1-82 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-36 and 38-73 were allowed, and claims 37 and 74-82 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In view of the following remarks, the applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

1. Response to Rejections under Section 112

Claims 37 and 74-82 were rejected as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

In the applicant's reply to the Office Action of March 10, 2004, the applicant amended claim 37 to recite that adjacent tiles which are provided include only pixels of an output device space that are wholly within the respective tile. The Examiner rejected this amendment as not being supported by the specification.

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The applicant finds support for the amendment to claim 37 in the application at least at page 11, lines 4-7. The specification states, "[T]he size and shape of the tiles can be chosen to conform exactly to the pixel boundaries of the output device space."

For at least the foregoing reason, claim 37, and claims 75-78 that depend from it, are allowable.

Claim 74 is a computer program product claim that includes limitations corresponding to those of claim 37. For at least that reason, claim 74, and claims 79-82 that depend from it, are allowable.

2. Conclusion

The applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in condition for allowance and asks that they be allowed. No fee is believed to be due with this reply. If, however, there are charges or credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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